

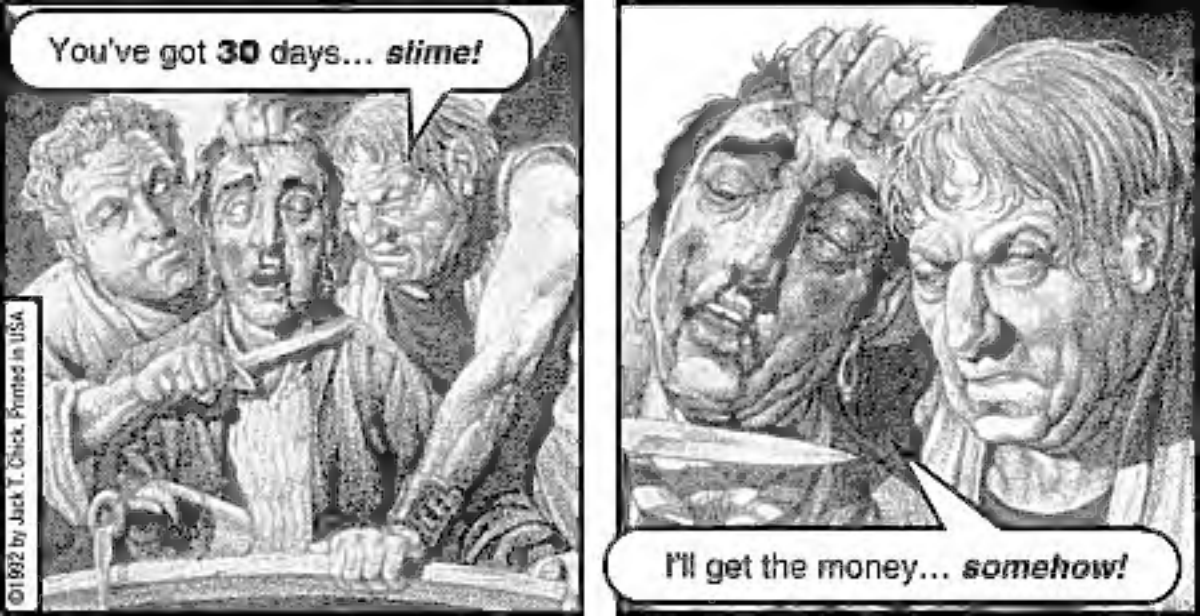


THE BRAT


J.T.C.

You've got **30** days... *slime!*

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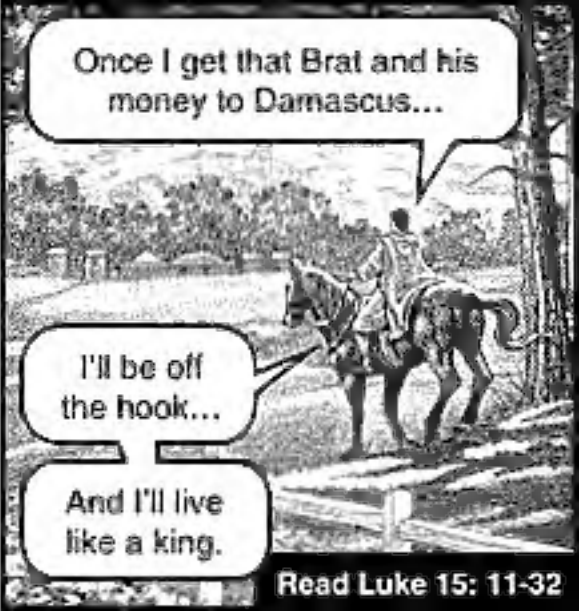
I'll get the money... *somehow!*



What are you
gonna do,
Sammy?

I'll go visit
Joseph, my
rich cousin...

And figure out
a way to steal
his money.

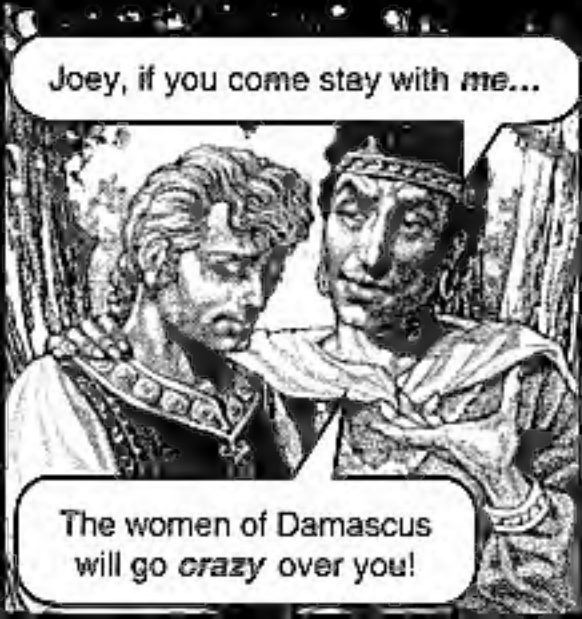


Once I get that Brat and his
money to Damascus...

I'll be off
the hook...

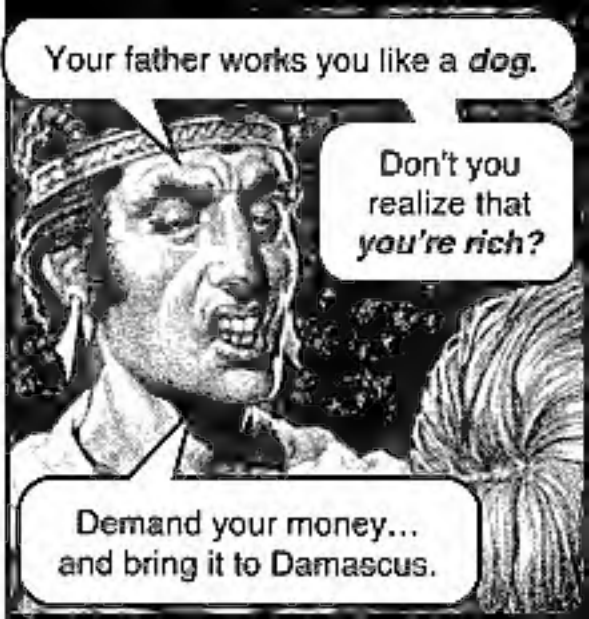
And I'll live
like a king.

Read Luke 15: 11-32



Joey, if you come stay with me...


The women of Damascus
will go *crazy* over you!



Your father works you like a *dog*.

Don't you
realize that
you're rich?


Demand your money...
and bring it to Damascus.



Father, I've worked long enough.

**I'm
retiring!**


Give me *everything*
that's mine so I can leave.



It's *my* money,
and I want it!

You're making a **bad** mistake, son.


Days Later



I love you,
Joseph.
Please stay.

No!

Miserable
brat!



May God go with you, my son.

A black and white illustration of a man with a determined, shouting expression. He has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark tunic with a decorative, laced-up front and a white collar. His right arm is raised, and his mouth is wide open. A speech bubble points to him from the top left. In the background, two other figures in medieval clothing are visible, one appearing to be in conversation with the other. The setting is outdoors with some foliage.

I'm **FREE**
at last!

A black and white illustration of a man riding a horse. The man is wearing a dark, long-sleeved tunic and a cap. He is looking back over his shoulder towards the viewer. The horse is in a trotting or cantering gait. A speech bubble points to the man from the top left. The background is a simple landscape with some grass and a light sky.

What could *possibly* go wrong?

SURPRISE, Sam!


*I'm
here!*

*I'm so proud
of you, Joey.*

This is the *smartest*
thing you've ever done.

I'd *never* allow my favorite
cousin to live in *this* dump.


We'll find us
a *new* place
tomorrow.



This place must cost
a *fortune*, Sam.

Hey, what's
money to *us*?

You'll *need* this place to impress
the rich and famous people here.



I'm off
the hook.

Joey paid those
killers off for me.

Great!

Now we can
pluck moneybags
like a chicken.

The leeches moved in for the kill, asking Joseph for expensive gifts and making him pay for all the good times.

What an IDIOT!

Nada, it's great to have loyal friends who *love* me.

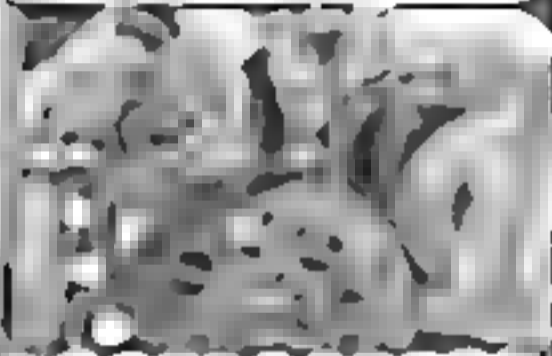
I'll *always* be here for you, my Joey.

Trust me!

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Make a paper doll for me

For a girl

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THEY WERE...
THEY WERE...

My son, MY SON

It was... to cry

Make me
is one of
my hired
servants."

THEY WERE...
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Though the father in this story loved his son and welcomed him home God loves **YOU even more!**

- Have you turned your back on God because you had your eyes on some Christian leader who fell off his pedestal?
- Or did a religious hypocrite do you dirty?
- Because of that, are you back in the world, living in a pigpen, lonely and miserable?

If so, it's time to get your eyes back on the Lord. You know that each day you stay away from God, you're losing eternal crowns and rewards in heaven and you're grieving the Holy Spirit.

Down deep, you know what you must do...

Don't put it off.

Father,
my life's
a mess.
I'm at the
end of
my rope.

Lord, I want to come back to you.

Please forgive me.



**Psalm 86:5*

“For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.”

If you've never received Christ
as your Saviour...
you're in **deep trouble!**

Because without Jesus, you will
never make it to Heaven.

The Lord Jesus Christ shed His
precious blood on the cross to
wash away your sins.



See John 3:16

Then He rose from the dead and is now in heaven, waiting for you to give Him your life.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved, and
thine house.” Acts 16:31

Saved from what?

Jesus died to save you from...
the lake of fire!

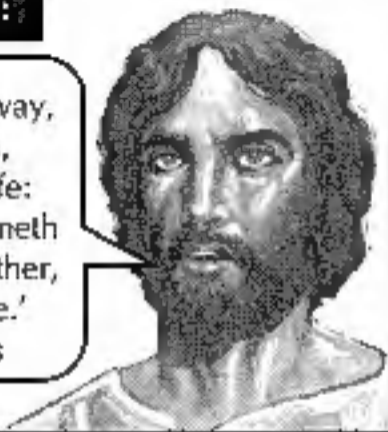
(See Rev. 21:8)

Sad to say, that's where *everyone*
goes if they die without Christ.

Jesus said:

“I am the way,
the truth,
and the life:
no man cometh
unto the Father,
but by me.”

John 14:6



If you accept Jesus, then God the
Heavenly Father will welcome you
home to heaven as His child.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

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NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

